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October 20, 2000

Examiner: Unassigned

For:

A METHOD FOR THE CHARACTERIZATION OF NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES INVOLVING GENERATION OF EXTENDIBLE UPSTREAM DNA FRAGMENTS RESULTING FROM THE CLEAVAGE OF

NUCLEIC ACID AT AN ABASIC SITE

DRAWING CORRECTION AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

May 1, 2001

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's authorization of the drawing corrections shown in red ink on the attached sheet. No new matter has been added by these changes. These drawing changes will be implemented into formal drawings by Applicant's bonded draftsperson upon approval by the Examiner and subsequent allowance of the application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

> Respectfully submitted, BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

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Figure 1



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SMALL ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

May 1, 2001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an preliminary amendment in the aboveidentified application.

A verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status

 \boxtimes was previously submitted on December 19, 2000.

X copy of red-ink drawing correction with letter.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	23	-	23	=	0	\$18	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	1	-	3	=	0	\$80	\$0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					\$270	\$0.00	
						TOTAL	\$0.00

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	Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.							
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